

Public Health Study Commission

Implementation of House Bill 2: Prohibit Smoking in Certain Public Places – Brief Status Report



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Starting January 2, 2010, nearly all restaurants and bars in North Carolina and many lodging establishments will be smoke-free, thanks to S.L 2009-27 (G. S. 130A-496), otherwise known as North Carolina's Smoke-Free Restaurants and Bars Law. On this site you will find information about the law, frequently asked questions, tools for businesses to prepare for the law and information for citizens. Starting January 2, 2010, you can also come here for information on how to report a violation of the law.



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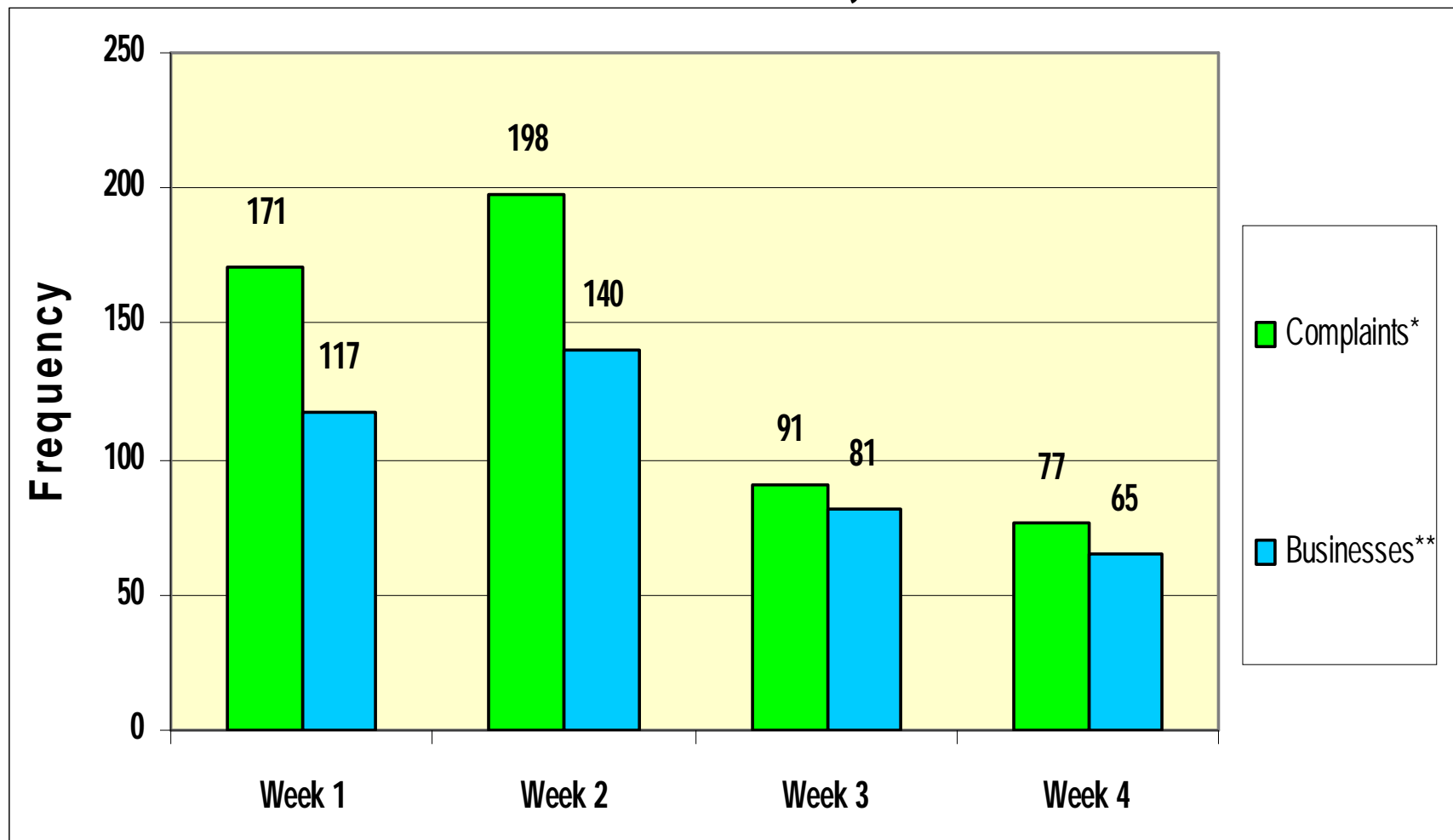
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Outcome Indicators by Week

Jan 2 - Jan 31, 2010

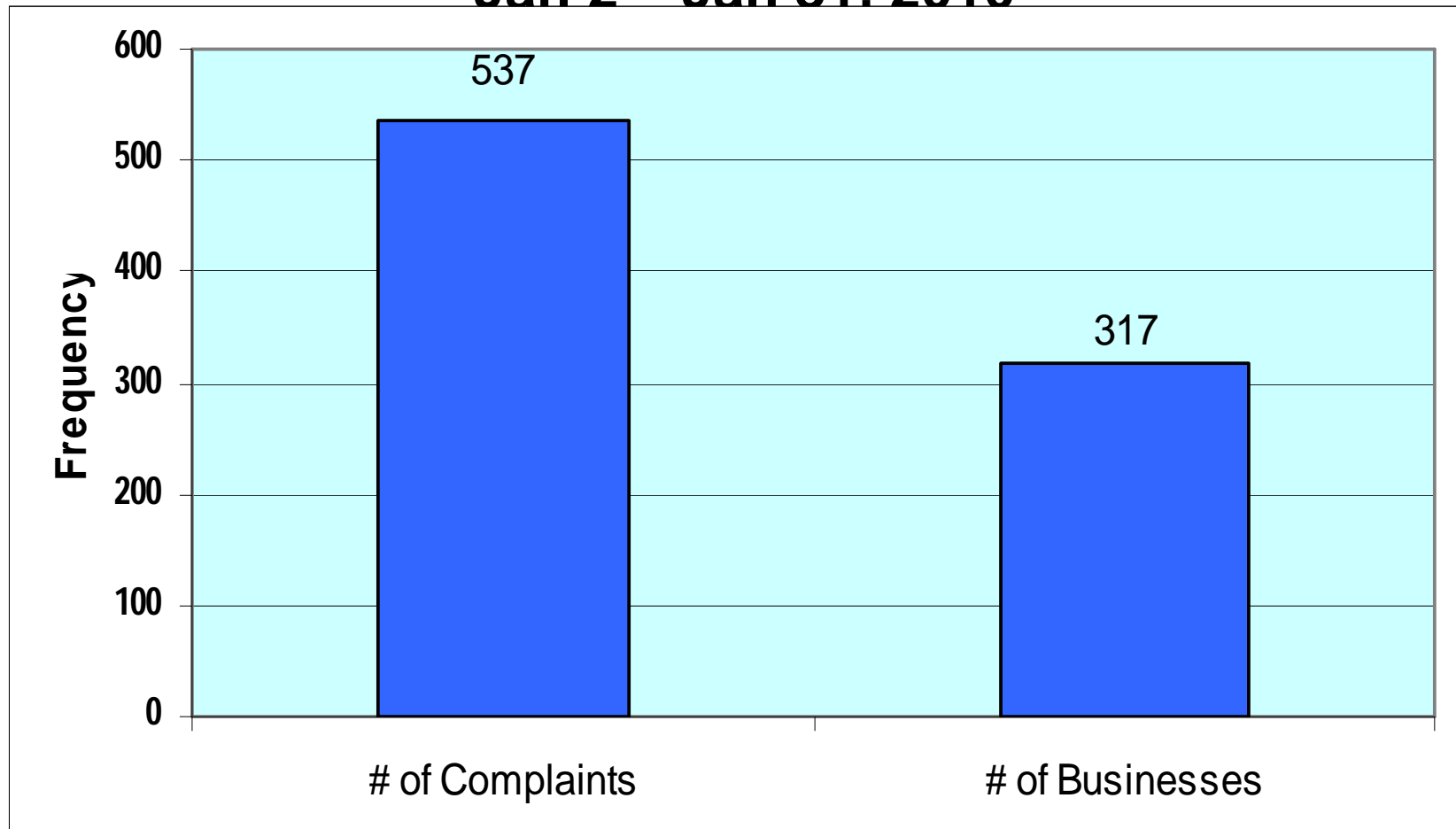


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Year to Date Number of Unique Complaints* & Businesses**
Jan 2 – Jan 31, 2010



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Winston Salem Journal Headline February 2, 2010 - one month mark

“Smoking ban has little effect on businesses”

The first month of a statewide smoking ban in restaurants and bars has been pretty much a nonevent, local business operators said yesterday.

A few quotes from the article:

“The ban hasn't hurt us even though 20 percent to 25 percent of our business has traditionally been with smokers. We believe we're getting new customers because, previously, the separation between smoking and nonsmoking wasn't enough for some people.”

--John Cahoon, Finnegan's Wake

"Over the past several years, a number of restaurants here have consulted with us before going non-smoking. When we've checked back with them several months after they made that decision, they've told us it really had not affected their business after the first couple of weeks."

***--Gayle Anderson, President and
Chief Executive, Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce***